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SUBJ: FY76 IV PROGRAM; CENTRALLY FUNDED REGIONAL LATIN AMERICAN
SEMINAR ON OUTLOOK FOR WORLD TRADE

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1. EMBASSY NOMINATES CARLOS DESPRADEL, CHIEF OF SPECIAL STUDIES, DOMINICAN CENTER FOR PROMOTION OF EXPORTS (CEDOPEX) FOR 18 DAY REGIONALLY FUNDED IV GRANT TO PARTICIPATE IN BROOKINGS JUNE SEMINAR ON WORLD TRADE. THIS NOMINATION IN PLACE OF FERNANDO PERICHE VIDAL WHO UNABLE ACCEPT. DESPRADEL IS PERICHE'S CHIEF ASSISTANT IN GODR TRADE AGENCY, ONE OF COUNTRY'S MOST INTELLECTUAL AND INFLUENTIAL ECONOMISTS, AND A KEY FIGURE IN GODR TRADE EFFORTS. ALSO MODERATES WEEKLY ECONOMICS TELEVISION SHOW AND CONTRIBUTES ECONOMIC ARTICLES TO PRESS. BELIEVE HE WOULD BE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANT IN GROUP PROGRAM.

2. BORN APRIL 3, 1942 IN SANTO DOMINGO DR. MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN. ADDRESS: AVE. MEXICO 78 (PROLONGACION), SANTO DOMINGO. 1964, ECONOMICS DEGREE, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO. 1966, ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, ENGLAND. 1967, DIPLOMA IN ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMING, INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, HOLLAND. 1972, M.A. IN ECONOMICS, YALE UNIVERSITY. 1963-73 ECONOMIC ADVISER TO GOVERNOR OF DOMREP CENTRAL BANK. SINCE 1973, CHIEF OF SPECIAL STUDIES, DOMINICAN CENTER FOR PROMOTION OF EXPORTS (CEDOPEX). SINCE 1975 MEMBER OF SCIENCE ACADEMY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. SINCE 1968 MEMBER DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF ECONOMISTS. FOREIGN TRAVEL: (STUDIES)
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ENGLAND 1964-1966; THE NETHERLANDS 1966-67; UNITED STATES

1971-1972.

3. DESPRADEL HAS MULTIPLE TRADE INTERESTS BUT WISHES FOCUS THIS TRIP ON IN DEPTH OBSERVATION US AGRICULTURAL EXPORT INDUSTRY SINCE DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS ONE OF DOMINICAN TOP PRIORITIES. IN ADDITION STUDY US AGRICULTURE-INDUSTRY INTERRELATIONSHIPS, INTERESTED EXPLORING FEASIBILITY US INVESTMENT DOMINICAN AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING. WISHES CONSULT DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE RE PRICE SUPPORT POLICIES, HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND INCENTIVES FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT. DESIRES OBSERVE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING FOR EXPORT OF CROPS SUCH AS CORN, BEETS, CUCUMBERS, CARROTS, TOMATOES AND PORK PRODUCTS. WISHES STUDY OPERATIONS MAJOR FOOD PACKAGERS AND PROCESSORS OF SOUPS, JELLIES, CHEESES AND RELISHES (FIRMS SUCH AS HEINZ, CAMPBELLS AND KRAFT). HAS NEVER BEEN WEST OF COLORADO SO VISIT CALIFORNIA AGRO-INDUSTRY WOULD BE VALUABLE. ON CULTURAL SIDE, DESPRADEL IS CLASSICAL MUSIC, OPERA AND BALLET FAN SO ATTEMPTS FACILITATE EVENING ATTENDANCE US PERFORMING GROUPS WOULD BE GOOD ADJUNCT PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM.

4. DESPRADEL WISHES WIFE ACCOMPANY AT OWN EXPENSE EAST COAST PORTION OF TRIP. SHE PLANS STAY WITH D.C. RELATIVES WHILE HE TRAVELS INTERIOR OF US.

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